

For Masses
Next Weekend



Readers



Eucharistic
Ministers

Ashford

Carmel Grant
Marie Togher

Sr Valery
Ray Kinsells

Dick Fitzpatrick
Fintan Fanning

Ann Clarke
Gary Dowling

Glenealy

Billy Donnolly

To be determined at Mass

Vigil –6:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:30a.m.



Welcome to The Parish of Ashford & Glenealy

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2nd Sunday in Advent

DOES IT BITE?



A pet-shop owner was explaining recently that small children have no fear whatsoever of snakes, lizards or any other reptiles. Fear is something they learn from adults. Parents are regularly heard, he said, telling their small children to come away from “that horrible thing” and look at the puppies instead.

Advent is a time when we learn the lesson of the petshop.

We are given a vision of what God intended the world to be and we are reminded that it is up to us to co-operate with God’s grace to share in his work of building up once more a kingdom in which lions and calves, wolves and lambs have no fear of each other.

When the bible comes to explain this phenomenon it points to the early days when the created world was at harmony, to the days of paradise when men and women enjoyed fully the life that God had created them for. It was our own greed and disobedience of God that caused us to become creators, but creators of sin, conflict, division and misery. We were born into such a world, but we have all co-operated in keeping it far from perfect by the way we behave.

So Advent invites us to act and to change things. John the Baptist plunged into the Jordan those who wanted to change themselves and to transform the world. He preached a baptism for those who were ready to repent, to smooth out the rocky paths of their lives and prepare for the coming of the promised Messiah, Jesus the Christ. That’s why Advent is about waiting for the coming



of our redeemer, but not about waiting idly as if for a bus to come. It’s a time when at our liturgy we celebrate the mystery of God’s coming among us to show us how to live and be fulfilled, how to create a world where fear and hatred, sin and division have no permanent hold. When we gather together to hear God’s word and to share the food of life at the table of the Lord, we ask that the Holy Spirit may embolden us to take practical steps towards repentance and reconciliation.

Advent not only teaches us that life can be better; it gives us the means to make it so.

LAST WEEKEND’S COLLECTION

Offertory:	€ 595
Share	€ 340
Planned Giving:	€ 205
Maint. & Devel	€ 175

MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEK DEC 6TH-DEC 12TH

- Ashford Monday Dec 6th 9am No Intention
- Ashford Tuesday Dec 7th 9 am Charles Mills
- Ashford Wednesday Dec8th 10:00 am Lolly Armstrong**
- Ashford Thursday Dec 9th 9am Mark Collier
- Ashford Friday Dec 10th No Intention
- Ashford Vigil Dec 11th 6 pm Billy Timmons
- Glenealy Sunday Dec 12th 9:30am Lawrence Caffrey, Michael Flynn
- Ashford Sunday Dec 12th 11 am Eileen Quinn



CANCELLATIONS DUE TO WEATHER



Due to the current wintry conditions, the meetings planned for the Parish Finance Committee as well as the Parish Pastoral Council have been cancelled for next week. Members will be notified when these are rescheduled. As well should these conditions continue, the vigil mass for Glenealy scheduled for December 7th at 7:30 pm may also have to be cancelled. Our apologies for any inconvenience caused.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY PARISH ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE & ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL COLLECTION



The Parish Advent Penitential service will take place on Wednesday 15th of December at 8:00 p.m. we encourage you to use this opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of forgiveness before Christmas.

The annual collection for St. Vincent de Paul will take place on the weekend of the 11th and 12th of December. The collection replaces the usual Share collection. They need your help more than ever this year so please be as generous as you can be.

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Baptisms: Ashford 1st Sunday each month after 11:00 am Mass.

Glenealy 3rd Saturday each month at 12:00 . 3 weeks notice required.

Marriages: Three months notice required by Church and the State . N.B. New Civil law Regulations require that all couples present themselves to the priest in the Church before a marriage date can be booked into the Church Diary.



Holy Day of Obligation December 8th

Wednesday Dec 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holyday.

Masses are currently scheduled for Glenealy for 7:30 p.m. on the evening of Tuesday Dec 7th and Ashford at 10 am. **Should the wintry weather continue,the vigil mass may have to be cancelled.**

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME PARISH PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The preparation of our children to make their first Communion will continue with this special Mass which is to take place in Gleneloy at 930 a.m. and Ashford at 11am on Sunday next Dec 12th. The Grapevine booklets will be distributed after the Masses. Please pray for our children in this important Year for them and their families.

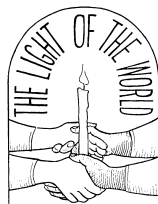


ASHFORD CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

SATURDAY 11TH DECEMBER AT 4.30PM SHARP



Ashford Tidy Towns, Scoil na Coróine Mhuire and Nun's Cross are inviting you to please come along to the turning on the lights and singing Christmas Carols under the Christmas Tree on Saturday 11th Dec. Commencing at the Church of the Most Holy Rosary Ashford at 4.30PM sharp, the ceremony will follow on to the Christmas



Tree in Ashford House Car Park. Please come along and join in the festive fun.



ASHFORD YOUTH CHOIR PRESENTS *GIVE A CHILD A GIFT AT CHRISTMAS AND CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE*

In Aid of Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin.

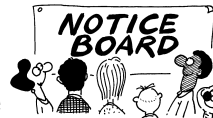
Holy Rosary Church , Friday
December 17th Ashford, Co Wicklow
Doors opening at 7.30 pm .

In return we are asking people to please bring a wrapped gift for the Children at Our Lady's Hospital, Crumlin (No Furry Toys please)

Thank you for your support - Santa will be there to receive the gifts .



ASHFORD SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR



Ashford NS hold their annual Christmas Fair will once again have to be postponed due to the wintry conditions .It will be rescheduled for Saturday Dec 11th at the same time.- 2:30.. Santa will open the fair at 2.30pm and stay until 4:30pm. There will be a puppet show and the usual stalls of cakes, books, toys, bric a brac and lots of prizes on the raffles and Wheel of Fortune. There will also be a room with private stalls many of them parents and also the ICA selling their crafts.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CABARET GRAND HOTEL THIS SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER



The Wicklow Conference of St. Vincent De Paul will present a Christmas Cabaret in the Grand Hotel on this Sunday Dec 5th at 8 pm. Admission is €10 .

Tickets available at Earls, 1 Hour Photo, and SuperValu. As well a raffle will be held! Begin the Christmas season in a moment of sharing ! and Christmas festivity.

ASHFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

At the most recent draw the following were the lucky winners: € 300 Declan Long, €150 Bernie Shortt, € 100 Sophie Doyle, € 50 May Connolly. Congratulations to these lucky people and best of luck for the next draw to be held on Dec.18th at Ashford House.